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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT - WASHINGTON
MEETING OF RAMUNDO-AYKAZYAN - 05.00

REF: (A) MOSCOW 9149 (B) STATE 152864 (C) MOSCOW 9153

1. AS REQUESTED BY ISHCHENKO REF. A, RAMUNDO MET WITH HIM,
AYKAZYAN, AND SOV EMB REPRESENTATIVE YEZHOF ON JULY 12
WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

(I) AYKAZYAN INDICATED THAT CO-CHAIRMAN ALEKSENKO WOULD
APPRECIATE A PERSONAL LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DAVENPORT "INVITING" HIM TO WASHINGTON FOR THE JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING (LETTER IN PARA. 2 BELOW).

(II) AYKAZYAN ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD LIKE JOINT
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COMMITTEE MEETING MOVED UP A WEEK (I.E., TO COMMENCE ON
SEPTEMBER 14, IF POSSIBLE); OTHERWISE AGREED SEPTEMBER 21-
24 DATES ACCEPTABLE. (SEE PARA. 2 BELOW).

(III) ISHCHENKO WILL SUBMIT AGAIN SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR
POST MEETING TRAVEL WHICH DOT UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE.

(IV) DISCUSSION OF GENERAL PROBLEMS IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
(INCLUDING INDICATION BY RAMUNDO THAT UNLESS SOVIETS ARE

MORE FORTHCOMING IN ICE TRANSITING AREA, ENTIRE MARINE TRANSPORT COOPERATION IN JEOPARDY) LED TO AGREEMENT THAT RAMUNDO VISIT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER DESIRABLE PRIOR TO

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TO IDENTIFY DIFFERENCES REQUIRING COMMITTEE DECISION.

(V) AYKAZYAN NOTED THAT SCICOUN GREENBERG HAD ATTENDED S&T JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION AND THAT SCST HAD A VERY FINE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. RAMUNDO NOTED IN TURN THAT HE HAD ENJOYED WORKING WITH GREENBERG FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.

(VI) RAMUNDO NOTED U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE HOTEL RESERVATION CHARGE WAS AGAIN BEING INCLUDED IN THE BILLS OF U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS. POINTED OUT AGAIN THE LACK OF RECIPROCITY IF U.S. HOSTS SEEK DISCOUNTED GOVERNMENT RATES FOR SOVIET DELEGATIONS WHILE SOVIET HOTELS TREAT U.S. DELEGATIONS AS TOURISTS AND LEVY ALL THE REGULAR

CHARGES. AYKAZYAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS WAS NOT RECIPROCAL AND THAT HE WOULD ADVISE ALEKSENKO TO RAISE THIS WITH KIRILLIN SO THAT THE MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

2. LETTER FROM DAVENPORT TO ALEKSENKO:

G. V. ALEKSENKO
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
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STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND
--TECHNOLOGY (SCST)
CHAIRMAN, USSR SECTION, US-USSR
--JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

MR. RAMUNDO HAS REPORTED THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS RECENT TALKS WITH MESSRS. AYKAZYAN AND ISHCENKO CONCERNING THE MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION. I AM MOST PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT WE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE YOU AND YOUR DELEGATION ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND TO HOLD THE MEETING DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 14-16, WHICH I AM ADVISED IS YOUR PREFERENCE. ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND JOINING WITH YOU IN THIS IMPORTANT COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY.

SINCERELY,

CHESTER DAVENPORT
CHAIRMAN, U.S. SECTION
US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION VANCE

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